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We are disciples of Jesus:
helping one another be the
hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
world.

**Deadline for the next Pace is
Wednesday, July 17, 2022**



June 2022

The *Pace* of Grace

From the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway:



Welcome to our 153rd year! We had an amazing 150th+2 weekend May 13-15th. All who attended had a great time of fellowship, reminiscing and fun! David Webster gave a wonderful history of Grace Church at our dinner, covering 190 years! I then followed with some thoughts of our future and I would like to repeat them here so that we all hear the hope for our next 150 years. Here are the remarks I gave at the 150+2 Dinner.

First, let me give huge thanks to all those who worked so diligently to make this 150th+2 celebration a success.

We have heard the wonderful narration of the History of Grace Church and how God has so richly blessed us for so many years. As secularization has become more and more prevalent in our society, many have concerns about the future of the church, some in what I call the "Chicken Little Syndrome" running around, crying, THE SKY IS FALLING! I don't believe that for a second. I don't believe that God is done with us yet and there is evidence to support my theory!

This year the Vestry of Grace Church has embarked on the process of Mutual Ministry Review, in which we take a 360 degree look at how we, as leaders and members have been doing for the past several years and I am delighted with the results. This review demonstrated that even in the midst of a pandemic, the people of Grace Church have not missed a beat in carrying out their mission and ministry. I will not take the time to list everything they have accomplished as it is available in our Annual Report and visible in our monthly newsletter, the PACE. Suffice it to say that God's blessings have been passed on to our community.

The Vestry is also looking forward and discerning what our next 150 years may look like. In reality we have no way of knowing for sure, however the foundation is laid to continue good works, realizing that we may end up looking very different as we pray, discern, change and create the future. At a Vestry retreat held last month, the Vestry analyzed the data from the Mutual Ministry Review and prioritized goals for building our future. The overarching question became "How do we become better disciples?" We believe that the future is built on a firm foundation of sound operational knowledge and performance that allows us to develop tools and guidelines that support and encourage living out our mission, purpose and Spirituality as

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Officers and Rector

Elizabeth Estep, *Senior Warden*
Mary Miragliotta, *Junior Warden*
Harry Dodds, *Treasurer*
Sandra Wesley, *Clerk*
The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

Inside this month's *Pace*

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Updates, Vestry Highlights (x2)
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Special Insert: 150th +2 Anniversary Celebration
Lessons / Readings



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
BY TROOP 185 TO ATTEND THE
EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR FOR
Riley Michael Gumbo
PLEASE JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022
2:00 P.M.
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
36200 RIDGE ROAD
WILLOUGHBY, OH

The invitation features a central eagle head emblem at the top. Below it, two photographs of Riley Michael Gumbo are shown: on the left, a young boy in a blue and yellow scout uniform holding a book; on the right, a young man in a white scout uniform with a sash full of merit badges. The background is a light beige with a decorative border of stars at the top and bottom.

Request-a-Hymn is Back!

Want to hear a favorite hymn or praise song at our 10:00 am Sunday service? Please let us know what hymn you want to hear, and if you have a preferred date when you would like it sung. You can sign up using the Sign Up Sheet in the Coffee Hour meeting area, or email the office and we'll pass the request along to Scott.



Hoop it up at Grace Sunday, June 5!

Please join us Sunday, June 5, for a fun event following the 10:00 am service. We will set up a basketball hoop out back and play friendly a game of P-E-W (instead of H-O-R-S-E) to get to know each other a little better. Please bring a change of clothes if needed.

Thanks to Chris Burke for helping organize this event!

From the Rector, continued

Grace Church: to concentrate on reaching out to recognize and spread gratitude and thanksgivings, to explore ways to bring healing to those who may have been damaged by church, learning to better practice gratefulness and service. We envision the next 150 years that we will remain an active parish with members who know how to make their faith visible and how to share it with others in this parish and in our community.

We pledge to live our mission statement: "We are disciples of Jesus: helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ by sharing God's love with the world."

We also pledge to accomplish that God-given mission as we Show up - Step up - and pray. This is the legacy we lean on and the legacy we will commit to leave for the next 150+ years.

Back to today - if you have any questions or need more follow up, please see me. Also, Dave Ivey took a myriad of photos that are displayed on the monitor in the entry space. Don't miss them - they are awesome.

- Mother Rose Anne+

About the next *Pace* newsletter

Since the Vestry and several parish teams are not meeting in June, we will not publish a June *Pace* newsletter. Instead, we will publish a combined July-August newsletter. The July Parish Calendar and Volunteer Schedule will be published separately. Thanks!

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH UPDATES *from Kathy Hill*

Evangelism Updates:

- **Good News Garden:** It's spring, time for planting. Chris Burke has tilled our Good News Garden and will have it ready soon for planting. Now all we need are volunteers to plan and plant the garden. Due to the space and the deer, we were thinking of growing herbs. We would like to meet to discuss plans. If you enjoy the gardening or would just like to help, please call Peggy Burkacki or Cathy Nash.
- **Outdoor Willoughby Market:** There is a sign-up sheet with dates for the upcoming Saturday markets if you wish to participate. Please join us. Chris Burke and Cathy Nash are assembling items for table such as candy, water, Little Feet sign and shoes, labels for water, pens and post it notes.
- **Post Cards:** Grace Church post cards will be sent to parishioners who have stopped attending church services. The goal is to invite them to join us again for in-person worship and fellowship.
- **Bakers and Takers:** Kathy Ivey will be baking for a new couple who attended worship. Toni Swisher volunteered to deliver the baked goods.
- **Prayer Box:** More info to come.
- **Sunday School:** Sunday School questionnaires will be sent out by Debbie Zimmerman in August.
- **Prayer List:** It was discussed that follow-up information for people on the Prayer List would be helpful. We would like to know how our friends are doing. Additional information could include whether those on the Prayer List would want visitors.

Outreach Updates:

- **Hoop it Up:** Please join us Sunday, June 5, for a fun event following the 10:00 am service. We will set up a basketball hoop out back and play friendly a game of P-E-W (instead of H-O-R-S-E) to get to know each other a little better. Please bring a change of clothes if needed. Thanks to Chris Burke for helping organize this event!
- **McKinley Updates:**
 - We planned to prepare bag meal lunches Tuesday May 24 and deliver to McKinley Wednesday, May 25 for the Wednesday and Thursday pantry.
 - Stuff The Truck for McKinley was successful.
 - McKinley received a \$5,000 donation from Grace toward our annual donation of \$10,000. The donation is timely as the McKinley roof is in need of repair. The second part of the donation will be made in Sept. 2022.
 - Additional community services literature from McKinley will be taken downstairs for the groups to reference.
- **Donna's Christmas Trees:** A donation container is under the table near the back steps. The last pick will be in September. More information will follow.
- **Forbes Tea:** A group of seven women from Grace attended the first Mother's Day tea for Forbes House. It was a new experience for all of us. We were served tea and good food in a beautiful setting at Mentor Harbor Yacht Club. They had a basket raffle, wine pull, and a dessert prize table. Also, there were candies, charcuterie boxes, and tea bombs, etc. to purchase for Mother's Day. They exceeded their projected attendance, so we had to turn down some people who wanted to attend. Next year I will plan on starting earlier to invite people, so keep watching for the announcement next spring.
- **Friends of Recovery:** There is a Friends of Recovery meal planned for July 12, 2022. Food can be served from 3 to 6 pm for 25 people. Menu will be planned in June. Chris Burke will deliver the meal. The Women's and Children's Home is to open this fall.
- **Scrap metal:** Our scrap metal drive continues. Scrap metal items can be boxed and put in the carpeted area of the undercroft or if the item is too big place outside on the porch on the second level.

Next meeting: The next combined Evangelism-Outreach meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Please join us by Zoom or in person.

Thanks from the Newyears and from Kathy Hill

I am so very thankful for the support I have received from our parish. There are no words that can describe the help Kathy and Gary Hill and Thora Scott have given me. Kathy and Gary drove me to and from surgery (Ray's vision is such that he can't drive) and they also brought and joined us for a wonderful dinner. Thora has come to the house several times to help me in and out of bed when our aides were unavailable. I don't know what we would have done without them! Thank God for such good people. - *Pat Newyear*

I am so touched by the many cards, texts, calls and emails that I received as I recuperate from my hip surgery. Your concern and kindness bring me to tears. Thank you so much for your thoughts and truly healing prayers. Love and prayers to you. - *Kathy Hill*

WORSHIP UPDATES from the May Worship Committee Meeting

150th Anniversary Service at the Abbey:

- The small altar in our Chapel will be moved to the Abbey.

- White linens are needed for the altar. Stack chalice, full altar set up. Use plain chalice or celebratory chalice. Jeanne would like to see the celebratory chalice used. She mentioned the heavy chalice with Jesus and the disciples. Cross and candle sticks on small altar, Flower Stands, Pascal Candle, Altar Book, Gospel Book, Wafers - large bread box, wine, all linens, cloths, towels, napkins, Soap, Flame snuffer, lighter, everything needed for service, Please remember that we are working on a smaller altar, No tweezers, wafers only.
- Additional items for the service: Bulletins, Container for bulletins (large print for Kathy Iliff) Collection plate (envelope for collections), Donation envelopes and pencils (maybe have a basket for these), Guest book/pens, Masks, hand sanitizer, Name tags.
- Scott and Rose Anne are selecting hymns for the May 15th service at the Abbey.
- Choir – Preparing for Jim Mackey's funeral.

Review of services and events:

- Don't forget to **wear red** for Pentecost Sunday!
- Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday: The Seasonal Brass never sounded better! They were greatly enjoyed by all. The services were well attended throughout Holy Week.
- May 15 at the Abbey – Grace 150th Anniversary Celebration. We will be following the readings from the normal church calendar. Music will be a selection of period hymns.
- Point of interest: Easter Sunday and Pentecost dates are same this calendar year as in 1870, when Grace was founded.
- May 22 Bike Blessing: The blessing will begin at 2:00 p.m. We will use the same bulletin used in past bike blessings. Key chains and water will be available to participants.
- June 5 is Pentecost – We will wear red and have celebratory music. Our dove hangings will be put up. This will be the last formal choir for the summer, we will then have the pick-up choir.
- Request forms will be available to parishioners to submit a request for their favorite hymns.
- Cabinets for sacristy – Kathy will talk with B&G to see if the available new cabinets being stored downstairs can be used in the sacristy area.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS *from the April and May Vestry meetings*

Highlights from the Vestry meeting held April 24, 2022

Treasurer's Report:

- Diocesan assessment appears high because 2 months, February and March payments, were made.
- Grace Woods allows \$7,700 per year for snow removal services which appears on our financial reports as "transfer of funds."
- Harry announced that this is his last year as Treasurer.

Senior Warden's Report:

- *Thankfulness Project:* Project continued for the duration of Lent. Approximately half of the journaling notebooks were taken. Public thanks were written on a board also. Another project will begin for Pentecost.
- *Vestry Norms:* At the Vestry retreat we will discuss and establish ground rules and guidelines for better communicating and interacting with each other as we work together as a Vestry and a church. A version of our Standard Operating Procedures is in process.

Junior Warden's Report:

- *Insurance Review:* Mary and Mother Rose Anne met with Jeffrey Lyngaas from Church Insurance Agency and reviewed our policy in detail. It was recommended that we conduct our own inventory of the church and rectory. Discussed cyber coverage. Some coverage is already in place in our current policy. We do not have earthquake coverage. Annual premium would increase by \$464. Vestry decided to pass on the EQ coverage.
- It was recommended that someone dealing with stained glass give us an estimate on our stained glass. Ours is not fine art but needs to be appraised.
- Any contractor doing work must present a Certificate of Insurance to Grace.
- New contracts will be kept separate from contracts of completed projects.
- *Buildings & Grounds Items:*
 - Lights in the church have been improved to provided brighter lighting.
 - Bids for our church and rectory parking lots are in process. This expense will come out of capital budget.
 - Masonry was discussed. Tim Svlay, Brickworks contractor will charge \$3,900 to do all brickwork. He is asking for a \$1,900 deposit and will prepare a contract. Previously approved by B&G and Vestry.
 - Walt Iliff asked to get the hydrant by the Memorial Garden working. The water pressure at the rectory is affected when the garden water is being used.
 - A note will be put in restrooms to "Please let the office know when supplies in the bathroom are low."
- *Invoices of concern:*
 - Snowplowing - charges are high due to an excessive winter. Salting the entrance and parking lot may have been excessive. The main concern is to keep these areas adequately salted in order to keep people safe. This concern regarding salt application and costs will be given further consideration for next season. There will be conversation with Arrow regarding their services and charges for salt. A reminder to all: The same vendor, Arrow, came out to trim bushes at no charge to Mary or to Grace Church.
 - Impullitti's landscaping was approved by Finance and Vestry. It included bed maintenance of the Memorial Garden and mowing the hillside. The cost to cut the hillside is \$225 per month, was approved and put into the budget. It was suggested that perhaps we can list maintenance, gardening, cleaning tasks needing to be done and invite the congregation to participate in the area they choose. Suggestions for expense report format were requested.

Rectors Report:

- *Vestry Retreat:* The Vestry retreat was scheduled for Thursday, April 28 5-9 and Sat., April 30 9-3, at Grace Woods conference room. Meals included. Agenda includes -Mutual Ministry data. Discerning goals for the upcoming years.
- *Admin:* The Administrative Assistant replacement for Mark has been hired. Further information will follow.
- *Calendar:* A year-long calendar was reviewed. Vestry members will receive a copy of the format for their use. Each team can use for organization of their team's activities.
- *Transition Committee Update:* Nothing to report right now. There are candidates. The search committee has closed receipt of applications.

- *Guns to Gardens*: Church of the Epiphany is sponsoring Guns to Gardens national gun buy-back day. There will be a Gun violence vigil. Will request a donation from Grace Foundation.
- *Stewardship*: Still does not have a team leader.
- *Fellowship*: Still does not have a team leader.

Highlights from the Vestry meeting held May 22, 2022

Treasurer's Report:

- Diocesan assessment discussed. Interest generally 12.38% for Grace.
- Funds down in Wells Fargo.
- 150th Celebration went well but there was less attendance than expected. Expenses were less than available funds by around \$250.00 at this point.
- Regarding Landscaping Contract: It also includes (OPRS) grass cutting, edging on individual parcel which includes mowing the hill. No trimming bushes or flowers.

Finance Committee: Reimbursement procedures discussed. Reimbursement forms are needed and useful. Team leaders should be notified, made aware of budget and expenditures. Forms are received 2-3 times per week by Treasurer. Revised Forms approved.

Rector's Report:

- Altar stones are still on grounds. Walt Iliff suggested using them for plaques after being cut. Vestry approved.
- Printing/Copying/Scanning machine in office to be replaced due to age. IGM Products Proposal for machine accepted.
- 150th Celebration went well. Food was good. St. Noel's dinner was very nice. Proclamation was received from the Lake County Commissioners and Mayor Fiala of Willoughby.
- BSA Scout Court of Honor will be held June 5 at Grace. On June 18th Riley Gumto will receive Eagle Scout designation at Grace.
- New Administrative Assistant Deborah Walsh has begun working at Grace. She will work alongside Mark until his last day on June 3.
- Mother Rose Anne is finishing her term on Diocesan Council and cannot run again. She is on Nominating Committee for convention.
- Jeanne Schupp will remain on Foundation throughout her term this year. No action to change currently. She is also on ECW and does UTO drives.

Fellowship: Kathy Ivey agreed to help with fellowship activities.

150th Celebration Committee: The Committee will continue to meet throughout the year on other projects.

Next Meeting: The Vestry will not meet in June. The next Vestry meeting will be July 17.

Party Time! All Grace parishioners are invited to a potluck dinner at Mary Miragliotta's house on Saturday, June 18, from 4 -7 pm. Please bring something to share. Mary will provide all paper products and beverages. Some items being provided are ham & cheese sliders, fruit salad, deviled eggs, crock pot dip with scoopable Tostitos. Mary's address is 186 Shoreland Circle, Willowick.



READINGS FOR THE DAY

June 5
The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, (25-27)
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

June 12
The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15
Canticle 13

June 19
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 7

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 8

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



At long last! Grace celebrates its 150th Anniversary ... +2

After a two-year delay due to the global pandemic, Grace Episcopal Church celebrated its 150th +2 Anniversary with a gala dinner at St. Noel's Banquet Center on Friday, May 13, and a special worship service at The Abbey in Willoughby Sunday, May 15 (152 years to the day of the church's founding).

At right: Members of the 150th Anniversary Committee including (L to R) Thora Scott, Kathy Ivey, Debbie Zimmerman, and Peggy Burkacki, greeted more than 70 guests as they arrived for the dinner.



Special guests included (above left) Bishop Arthur Williams, who made opening remarks; and (above right) Willoughby Mayor Robert Fiala, seen here talking with Mother Rose Anne. At right (L to R): Harry Dodds, Walt Iliff, Charlotte Stoldt, and Kathy Iliff, kibbitz before dinner.

Photos (mostly) by David Ivey



Left: Frank and Peggy Burkacki chat with Mother Rose Anne. Below (R to L): Karl and Lynn Kramp and Sandy Wesley join in the fun.



Above Left: Dave Webster's presentation about the history of the parish was on point. Above right, top: Dave Zimmerman and Toni Fisher were all smiles. Above right, bottom: So were Mary Miragliotta, Dave, Debbie, and Thora. At left: Dave and Kathy Ivey on the other side of the camera.



Above left: Jenny Lonsway (left) and Elaine Kuhl from Grace Woods, among others, sampled the wine. And everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner served family style (Above right).



Left: Clergy and family in attendance included: (Back row from left): Diocesan archivist Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert, Nancy Persell, Bishop William Persell, The Rev. James Greer and Karen Greer; (Front row from left): Lynette Williams, Bishop Arthur Williams, Mother Rose Anne, and The Rev. Dawson Moorser.

Staff in attendance included (below, left, L to R): Mark Clark and his children, Vivianne and Thomas; and (below right): Scott and Patty Arra.





On Sunday, Mother Rose Anne celebrated a special Eucharist at the Abbey, done in the style of worship from 1870. For the service, the original Grace altar (below) was transported from the current church back to the Abbey.



Above left and right: Debbie and Sandy served punch at a special Jubilee Coffee Hour following the service. Attendees including Bishops Williams and Persell enjoyed the festivities.

At left: Lake County Commissioner John Plecnik popped in before the service to present the parish with proclamation from the County Commissioners.

